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(PATENT)

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Robert Taft et al.  
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For: METHODS AND SYSTEM FOR MANAGING MOUSE COLONIES  
Examiner: J. A. Plucinski  
Art Unit: 3629

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Dated: May 11, 2009

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**REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Madam:

This is a Reply to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed March 10, 2009, requiring election of a group of claims and a subspecies for prosecution on the merits. Applicant is filing concurrently a Petition for a one-month extension of time and authorization to pay the required extension fee.

Applicant is required to elect one of two groups of claims. Applicant hereby elects Group I, claims 1-28, for prosecution. Because Group I claims is elected, Applicant is also required to elect a species from those set out on page 4 of the Action. The species are set out in such a way that it is not immediately clear what is needed, but the undersigned has responded as she believes is required. For Species A, Applicant elects subspecies ii, Claim 11 (the live progeny is shipped). The species election is made with the understanding that it is required for searching purposes only and that all species will be considered, should the generic claim be found allowable under 37 C.F.R. §1.141(a).